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In re Patent Application of:

Hideaki WATANABE, et al.

Application No.: 09/973,767

Group Art Unit: 2816

Confirmation No.: 7559

Filed: October 11, 2001

Examiner: K.B. Wells

For: DIFFERENTIAL SIGNAL OUTPUT APPARATUS, SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT APPARATUS HAVING THE DIFFERENTIAL SIGNAL OUTPUT APPARATUS, DIFFERENTIAL SIGNAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, SIGNAL DETECTION APPARATUS, SIGNAL DETECTION METHOD, SIGNAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND COMPUTER-READABLE PROGRAM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2002, applicants elect Claims 1-18 of Group I, without traverse.

Moreover, please CANCEL non-elected claims 19-38, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please note that an Amendment and Petition to correct the inventorship was filed concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(B)

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2002, a response was filed concurrently herewith to elect claims 1-18, of Group I identified by the Examiner. The non-elected claims were canceled.

As a result of the election and the cancellation of the non-elected claims, Hiroko Haraguchi's invention is no longer being claimed in this application. Therefore, it is hereby requested that inventor Hiroko Haraguchi be deleted as an inventor.

Accordingly, it is hereby requested that the inventorship be corrected so that Hideaki Watanabe is the sole inventor.

A fee for this Petition is submitted herewith. If any further fees are required, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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